to the environmental repair fund. [A description of the groundwater fund is included in Part III of this Memorandum.] Of this amount, $95,000 is for salaries, fringe benefits and staff support. The Act authorizes four permanent positions for the DNR, beginning on October 1, 1984. The remaining $459,600 is for site investigation and cleanup.

The base fees for nonapproved facilities are paid into the environmental repair fund. The current $100 base fee is retained for nonapproved facilities for which the owner or operator agrees to close the facility on or before July 1, 1999. A new base fee of $1,000 is imposed on a nonapproved facility if the owner or operator does not agree to close the facility on or before July 1, 1999. The owner or operator may qualify for the lower base fee by entering into a closure agreement at any time.

Also, a few nonapproved facilities which accept large amounts of waste will pay a tonnage fee surcharge into the environmental repair fund. The tonnage fee surcharge is calculated as a percentage of the amount of the tonnage fee paid into the waste management fund by a nonapproved facility (i.e., the tonnage fee in excess of the base fee). The surcharge is 25 % for any nonapproved facility for which the owner or operator agrees to close the facility on or before July 1, 1999. A 50% surcharge is imposed for any nonapproved facility if the owner or operator does not agree to close the facility on or before July 1, 1999.

Both the new base fee and the surcharges apply to solid or hazardous waste disposed during calendar year 1984. It is expected that a proposal on environmental repair fund fees will be included in the 1985 Budget Bill. It is likely that the proposal will impose a tonnage fee, paid by both approved and nonapproved facilities, to generate revenue for the environmental repair fund.

After environmental repair is undertaken, any funds recovered from responsible persons are returned to the environmental repair fund.

C. GENERAL PURPOSES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL REPAIR PROGRAM

The overall purpose of the environmental repair program is to establish a mechanism for inventory, investigation, hazard ranking and environmental repair of any type of site or facility, whether or not the site or facility is licensed and whether or not the site or facility is in current operation. Environmental repair can be undertaken for any occurrence at a site or facility which presents a substantial danger to public health or welfare or the environment.

The environmental repair fund may be used as a source of the state's cost share for federal superfund projects. Also, the environmental repair fund is a source of funds for the hazardous substances spills program and the abandoned container program.

D. ENVIRONMENTAL REPAIR PROCEDURES

The DNR is given authority to undertake investigation and analysis at sites or facilities or to enter into contracts for this purpose. The investigation and anal-